

APPROPRIATION FOR TRAVELING EXPENSES, CIVIL
SERVICE COMMISSION.

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FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

A COPY OF A COMMUNICATION FROM THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION SUBMITTING AN ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATION FOR TRAVELING EXPENSES.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, January 27, 1904.

MY DEAR SIR: I beg to submit communication from the Civil Service Commission asking an additional appropriation of \$1,500 for traveling expenses. I earnestly recommend its passage. It is very important that members of the Commission come in actual and frequent contact with the practical workings of the various Departments. In other words, the Civil Service Commission should be in closest touch with the actual administration of affairs. In no other way can they know the needs of the service, and knowledge of the needs is essential to their being met.

Very truly, yours,

L. M. SHAW,
Secretary.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,
Washington, D. C., January 26, 1904.

SIR: This Commission begs to submit an estimate for deficiency appropriation for traveling expenses of \$1,500 with request that you transmit it to Congress.

The need for increased appropriation grows with the Commission's work, yet there has been no increase in the appropriation for travel-

ing expenses since 1894, except a deficiency appropriation of \$1,000 in 1902, although since 1894 the work has practically doubled. The appropriation for the present fiscal year has been found inadequate, and unless the increase requested is granted it will be necessary for the next five months to curtail not merely inspections in the field and the further centralization of the work of local boards of examiners, but also to reduce the number of examinations away from Washington, which are held under the civil-service law at convenient points for applicants throughout the country. The inability of the Commission to hold the necessary examinations at points outside of Washington would work a hardship to applicants and would embarrass the Commission in meeting the needs of the public service.

Very respectfully,

ALFORD W. COOLEY,
President.

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

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